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Meanwhile, I urge you to take at least temporary measures to improve monitoring from the whole South and Central Asian area. The value of having this overtly obtainable information as rapidly as possible is even more obvious than it was when I sent you my memorandum of 14 November 1978. Instability and political ferment have meanwhile increased throughout the whole area, notably in Afghanistan and Iran, but also in Pakistan and in respect to the Kurdish issue which may come to affect countries such as Turkey and Iraq. We also continue to need more timely coverage of broadcasts from the Soviet Caucasus and Central Asia and from the Soviet-Chinese border area. (S)

Please report by 1 May 1979 all measures you are able to take to improve FBIS coverage of all these targets. (C)



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